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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director  
Psychological Strategy Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tracy:

This is in response to your letter of 5 August 1952. The recent reorganization may result in some slight modification of our arrangements with the 10/5 Panel. However, I expect for the time being I am still the best point of contact.

It is true that in the seven or eight months since its submission to the Psychological Strategy Board, the "Packet" has lost a good deal of its currency. Moreover, it is doubtful that circumstance will permit the development in the immediate future of resources commensurate with the optimum program which was envisioned in the "Packet" and which constitute the scope and pace dictated by the provision of NSC 10/5.

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In order to bring requirements for operational tasks more in line with capabilities, for the past several weeks, we have been reprogramming in the light of capabilities. This reprogramming has been done under the monitorship of [REDACTED] and his Review Board. It will result in the elimination of a considerable number of projects now contained in the "Packet". Through my Operations Staff I will keep you advised of these eliminations as they are approved by General Smith and Mr. Wisner. The remaining projects are being repackaged into a group of programs which will generally be subdivided along country lines. In other words, instead of a number of projects for each country I hope to see something approaching a single program for each country or a program for each function according to a geographical area. This objective has been achieved in the case of one area, Southeastern Europe. The Project Review Committee has acted favorably in this instance and the program is now awaiting the Director's approval.

It will probably take several more weeks before this process has been completed. If matters progress as we anticipate the result will be a new "Packet" containing the revised 10/2 programs, and I would expect that this "Packet" would be assembled sometime in October. It may be possible however to forward to you the various area programs as they are approved without awaiting development of the full "Packet".

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We hope that the new program structure will offer a much better presentation of our activities for review and consideration. Therefore, although it is premature to say that the original "Packet" has been withdrawn, it is my belief that the panel should not devote extensive time and effort on the "Packet" until it has been revised into the proposed programs.

We trust this will bring you up to date on the status of our program and programming activities. I might add that we hope to see [redacted] back shortly and that his assignment under the reorganization will still place him in close touch with the Panel. In the meantime, please let me know if there is any other assistance or information I can give you.

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Sincerely,



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